Mr. Nico'r demand before Commissioner Hard vesterday for a hearing for by the Governor to act, combined with both Mr. and Mrs. Schiff, as well as Mr. Gans, with his announcement that they would refuse immunity, may have the effect of inducing the Governor to pro- prison, however unjust such an outcome long the Hand inquiry, but if Governor might be. Dix orders Mr. Hand to take their testimony it may result in a further compilcation, because Mr. Hand may refuse to carry out such an order.

When Mr. Nicoll stated his desire to put the three upon the stand in the Hand inquiry yesterday, both District Attorney Whitman and Attorney General Carmody were firm in their objection, basing it, as to the two men, on the ground that they might thereby automatically gain immunity under section 584, of the laws of 1910, in spite of their offer to waive immunity, and in the case of Mrs. Schiff, on the ground that she could not give any relevant testimony, and that her introduction would serve only to give a suggestion of scan-As to the immunity part of it, both the state and county officers specifically warned Mr. Hand that by granting Mr. Nicoll's demand he might nullify the present grand jury investigation.

After the adjournment of the inquiry a reporter for The Tribune asked Commissioner Hand specifically.

If Governor Dix orders you to take the testimony of Mortimer L. Schiff and ning that only executive action could free Howard S. Gans, in the face of the warn ings from District Attorney Whitman and Attorney General Carmody, what will you do?"

Hand Might Throw Up Job.

'I might hear them," replied Mr. Hand, "but more likely I might throw up the job.

The legal tangle into which the Brandt case has fallen was emphasized yesterand Attorney General Carmody. The he said, to see Mr. Hand or Delancey county official pointed out that if the Nicoll, of the Schiff legal staff.

will grant a pardon for Brandt this Governor delayed his pardon and Jusmorning Justice Gerard will do him the tice Gerard sustained the writ of habeas corpus, remanding Brandt for trial, it until this afternoon, but the same report | would be the duty of the District Attorney's office to appeal from Justice Gerard's decision, while Mr. Carmody formation as to the grounds upon which explained that, in his opinion, a failure a dismissal of the writ by Justice Gerard, might result in Brandt's being sent back to finish out his term in Dannemora

stand in that inquiry. Whatever action is taken to-day cither by Governor Dix or by Justice Gerard, the grand jury investigation will proceed. J. C. Rosenthal and Chester Bayless, two of the lawyers who once represented Brandt; the "Mr. Rothschild" who was reported as having been at the Criterion Club conference, and possibly Brandt himself will be heard by the grand jury to-day.

mody came here to-night determined to urge Governor Dix to pardon Brandt immediately. He said he would present a report to Governor Dix on the case, but would not discuss the nature of it, although mody came here to-night determined to would not discuss the nature of it, although he has taken the ground from the begin-Brandt, and apparently has believed that the thirty-year sentence for Schiff's former valet was unjust.

Mr. Carmody said he would not take up the case with the Governor before to-mor-

had be heard from Commissioner Hand, and all he knew of the Brandt case was that his representative had adjourned it day by both District Attorney Whitman until next week. He had no apopintment,

and Gans to Testify.

Commissioner Hand first decided the hearing was closed after an argument by Attorney General Carmody, who said he was willing to shoulder all responsibility for the closing of the hearing. But Mr. Nicell, who had pleaded hard to be allowed to call Mr. and Mrs. Schiff and Howard S. Gans to the witness stand to throw light into every corner of the case, and, he said, that the whole truth might be known, protested against the closing of the case.

Both Mr. Gans and Mr. Schiff wer

Gans might be put on the witness stand.

Court, who issued the writ of habeas Dannemora prison after serving five years of the thirty-year sentence, would file his opinthat the opinion will sustain the writ, thus nullifying the proceedings of Governor Dix's by the Governor in the mean time, which was considered yesterday evening not at

Many papers which were before the Govand a long brief by Alton B. Parker. The these papers caused considerable comment

Woolridge the Only Witness.

Lieutenant Detective Joseph T. Woolridge, a copy of whose report on Brandt's "crim-

When the proceedings opened the little courtroom was crowded, with standing room at a premium. Three women occupied seats in the audience. At the counsel table next to Mr. Nicoll sat one of his associates, John D. Lindsay, and next to him sat Paul D. Cravath, who entered the room with Mr. Schiff. The banker sat behind his counsel. He wore a plain blue suit and looked ill at ease, biting his finger nails almost continually.

To the right of Mr. Schiff sat Adrian C Klernan, counsel to Woolridge, and at a table adjoining that of counsel for Mr. Schiff were seated District Attorney Whitman, Attorney General Carmody, Mr. Towns and Axel Josephsson, assistant

After Commissioner Hand read his com-

mission from the Governor empowering produce evidence, but to take such evidence him to conduct the investigation, he asked counsel to rise and note their appearances Mr. Nicoll said he, Mrs. Gane, Mr. Crawath and Mr. Lindsay appeared as counsel

for Mr. Schiff. Mr. Towns next arose and spoke at con

It was learned yesterday that Edward Towns, had an application prepared and ready to submit to the Supreme Court asking that Gans and Schiff be prohibited from testifying before Commissioner Hand, if it developed that there was any likelihood of their being called to the

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)

Governor Dix said shortly before mid-report of the Governor's omeiat, right that he had not seen Attorney Gen-thing else. I say that my client and his counsel have I say that my client and his counsel have Governor Dix said shortly before mid-

HAND PUTS THE CASE OVER

Hearing Develops a Fight Over Permission to Allow Schiff

The hearing ordered by Governor Dix in the case of Folke E. Brandt was declared closed by Commissioner Richard L. Hand yesterday afternoon after an all day session, but immediately following, at the instance of DeLancey Nicoll, one of the counsel for Mortimer L. Schiff, the Commissioner reversed himself, and, reopening the hearing, adjourned it to Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock.

Commissioner Hand first decided the hearing was closed after an argument by

But it is not probable that there will be another hearing in the case, for it was said that Justice Gerard, of the Supreme corpus on which Brandt was brought from fon probably to-day. It is generally believed

all improbable, would have the same effect. ernor when he denied Brandt's application for executive elemency were made part of yesterday's proceedings, but the documents notable by their absence were Mr. Schiff's affidavit, the two statements from Mr. Gans, two more from Carl Fischer Hasen attitude of the Governor in withholding

Only one witness was examined during the day, the better part of the morning and the entire afternoon being taken up by wrangles of counsel. The witness, record was before Judge Rosalsky when he imposed sentence, testified as to the sources of the record. His testimony revealed nothing that was not already

Mr. Towns pext arose and spoke at considerable length. Commissioner Hand sought several times to stay the flood of his eloquence, but in vain. Not the least was properly sentenced, and to inquire into his eloquence, but in vain. Not the least was properly sentenced, and to inquire into his eloquence, but in vain. Not the least was properly sentenced, and to inquire into his eloquence, but in vain. Not the least was properly sentenced, and to inquire into his eloquence, but in vain. Not the least was properly sentenced, and to inquire into his eloquence, but in vain. Not the least was properly sentenced, and to inquire into his eloquence, but in vain. Not the least was properly sentenced, and to inquire into his eloquence, but in vain. Not the least was properly sentenced, and to inquire into his eloquence, but in vain. Not the least was properly sentenced, and to inquire into his eloquence, but in vain. Not the least was properly sentenced, and to inquire into his eloquence, but in vain. Not the least was properly sentenced, and to inquire into his eloquence, but in vain. Not the least properly sentenced, and to inquire into his eloquence, but in vain. Not the least properly sentenced, and to inquire into his eloquence, but in vain. Not the least properly sentenced, and to inquire into his eloquence, but in vain. Not the least properly sentenced, and to inquire into his eloquence, but in vain. Not the least properly sentenced, and to inquire into his eloquence, but in vain. Not the least properly sentenced, and to inquire into his eloquence, but in vain. Not the least properly sentenced, and to inquire into his eloquence, but in vain to his eloquence, but in the least properly sentenced, and to inquire into in the least to was properly at the many have said. Then set eloquence at the number of the many have said. The said on the many

Calls Hearing Premature.

Now, if I should be right in that-and I present at the hearing, which was held in wish it only to be spread upon the min present at the hearing, which was held in one of the chambers of the Public Service (commission. They were ready to testify, but Mr. Nicoll's offer to call them as witnesses met with objection on the part of District Attorney Whitman and Attorney General Carmody. Mirabeau L. Towns, counsel for Brandt, also protested against their being called. Both the Attorney General and District Attorney declared that to call Schiff and Gans might result in pressions he submitted in silence to the impersions he submitted in silence to the impersion of the district silence of the silence of th

period and District. Attorney declared that to call Schift and Gans might result in giving them immunity from possible prosecution for supposed conspiracy arising out of the manner in which Judge Rosaisky sentenced Brandt to thirty years in prison on a plea of guilty to burglary in the first degree.

Denies Desiring Immunity.

Mr. Nicoli replied to this with considerable heat and declared dramatically that both Gans and Schiff not only would refuse to demand immunity if called as witnesses, but would decline to accept it if offered and would sign-a stipulation to that effect.

Commissioner Hand sided with Mr. Whitman and Mr. Carmody, for the present at least, and said he would refer the matter to Governor Dix and make known on Tuesday whether Mr. Schiff and Mr. Gans might be put on the witness stand.

But it is not probable that there will be made that the argument was presions and addresses that did not called a suring the probable that there will be made the sufficient to accept in the clearer will be made the sufficient to accept in first that the fears any investigation. The is not in fear of any investigation. The is not in fear of any investigation the clearer will be made the sufficient to accept in the clearer will be made the sufficient to be made up almost entirely af fabrications. But it is not probable that there will be a commissioner Hand remarked when Mr. Towns finished that the argument was present an aspersion. What did the Governor and an aspersion, the author of such an aspersion, the author of such an aspersion, that he analysis to the prisoner, all the prisoner. It contains the prisoner dand he has a written which, if this proceeding does a written statement, which, if this proceeding does a written that it the prisoner and he had a written to say in the subsect to say in he wishes to say, and he has a written that it the prisoner. It contains the prisoner argument of the prisoner. It contains the prisoner argument of the prisoner. It contains the prisoner argument of the prisoner. It conta

Towns finished that the argument was premature, however appropriate it might be at

another time. Commissioner Hand then announced that the Attorney General was to have charge of the legal aspects of the hearing, in reply

to which Mr. Carmody said: "The Attorney General is neither for nor

against the defendant. He is here for the purpose of presenting certain facts within The pardoning of Brandt the province of this hearing." This avowal, believed to be a reiteration

of what Mr. Towns had said-that there would be no scandal brought to light during the proceedings-disappointed the throng of the morbidly curious which crowded the courtroom. But the spectators did not lack for entertainment, which was abundantly furnished by the oratorical roman candles and aerial bombs that were discharged by counsel on both sides in the course of the day as they grew petulantand quarrelsome.

Mr. Carmody, after making that statement, outlined the history of the case, and at the end of his remarks Mr. Nicoli arose and asked why the Attorney General had not made any mention of Brandt's application for pardon. Mr. Carmody replied he had nothing to

do with such a paper, as it was not of laughter from time to time, causing Compublic record.

"But we demand such a paper," retorted Mr. Nicoli. "We have the right to know the grounds on which the application for ing such a course was opening a dangerclemency was made. We intend to show our door. Commissioner Hand ruled that those grounds were false. How can we do Mr. Kiernan might continue, but all he so if we do not know what the grounds did was to have Woolridge explain how

"Does the prisoner assert that no crime report. was committed? Does he assert that he was deceived in making his plea? Or that the judge was misled into inflicting an excessive sentence?

Urges Calling for the Petition.

can your honor be to the Governor unless you report on all the grounds in the prisoner's petition. You cannot make any charged by Mr. Williams, of Stoningham. headway unless you know the grounds of for dishonesty. the petition. Your commission gives you the broadest powers, and, I do not hesitate taken for luncheon. to say, enables you to call for the petition.' Commissioner, Hand observed that he was not in a position to give evidence or to as was submitted.

Mr. Carmody took issue with Mr. Nicoll, and called to the attention of the court saying he wanted an opportunity to examthat his commission from the Governor was ine the papers in the case, and, if necesto examine into the defendant's conviction sary, to bring Brandt himself to the witto see whether or not he had been properly

Mr. Nicoli then called upon the District Attorney and the Attorney General to join him in requesting the Governor for the pardon was sought.

"You did not ask me to join in that petition," said Mr. Towns, "and I represent the only interested party. You have excluded me, so I suppose I have no standing here. If your honor please, I desire to say that my learned friend is sensing a little bit in this matter. All of the facts are before your honor. As to the nature Curran, a lawyer and a friend of Mr. of the petition it seems to me to be entirely irrelevant and incompetent. The statement was made that Mr. Brandt had been guilty of ungallant conduct. Now I suppose that they want to fasten that crime upon him. He might have been a Don Juan, but that does not prove that he

> Commissioner Hand remarked that he had nothing to do with papers not before him, and in this he was seconded by Mr. Carmody.

is a burglar."

In the course of an argument that followed Mr. Nicoll remarked that he repre ented the complainant in the cas

This drew upon him the fire of District ttorney Whitman, who exclaimed: "I represent the complainant in the case ounsel represents merely a witness.

Nicoll Defends Schiff.

The statement provoked a passionate reply from Mr. Nicoll in defence of his client Albany, Feb. 26.-Attorney General Car- and the position he has taken. He said:

voice and a chance.

I want to say to your honor, if you are not familiar with the recent history of this proceeding, that my client has only one object in view, and that is to let the people of the state of New York, and all public officers, know the full story of this transaction in all its details.

We want nothing held back, whether it be the application to the Governor, or the report of the Governor's official, or anything else.

report of the Governor's ometal, of any thing eise.

I say that my client and his counsel have been misrepresented to the neople of the state of New York, and pilloried in the public press by the vilest and most malicious lies that I have known, and I want an opportunity to correct the injustice and to tell the tale fully.

I want it to be told from the beginning to the end. I want every witness, every taper, every document, spread upon this record, so that you and all other magistrates and all other prosecuting officers, and the Governor himself, may know this wicked tale from the beginning to the end, for it is a wiched end. It is the tale of astonishing and unheard of wickedness. And in it, your honor, are involved the honor of a respectable family, and the reputation of a virtuous wife and mother.

Wants Nothing Held Back.

Wants Nothing Held Back.

I do not intend that anything shall be held back any longer. I intend and will drag it into the light. I say that this prisoner made his application to the Governor for pardon on the ground that he was not guilty of burglary at all, but that he was in that, house that night by the invitation of Mrs. Schiff, and I will expose that the control of the he was in that, house that night by the invitation of Mrs. Schiff, and I will expose and tear away the mask by which it is now pretended that he suffered in order to save the honor of a woman. I will show the hour and the place where was conceived the vile story which he put first in print. I will show you whose hand assisted him to pen, whose mind helped him to conceive it. I will prove to your honor that after he got in prison he wrote to Senator Nelson asking his assistance upen the same false grounds as he now invokes executive elemency.

The reason I am so insistent upon this matter before the Governor is because Mr. Schiff, whom I represent, insists that nothing shall be held back; that the whole story shall be told. That is what the people want. They want to know the whole story in all its bearings. Therefore I think that we should at least take an adjournment until we can apply to the Governor for those papers, so that we may see the grounds upon which the prisoner makes his appleation.

"But suppose Mr. Towns is right and

"But suppose Mr. Towns is right and there never was a petition?" interrupted been cust Commissioner Hand? Insists on Prisoner's Reasons.

"Mr. Towns has stated exactly what oc urred," replied Mr. Nicoll, who, continu ing, said:

What did the Governor do? He does

wrongdoings on the part of Brandt, imaginary persons and addresses that did not

District Attorney Whitman went at Wool ridge hammer and tongs and made him admit under oath that the report was in the main false.

"Where did you get this information?" asked the District Attorney, holding the

report before Woolridge's eyes.
"Mostly from Mrs. Johnson," answered Woolridge, who added, with some show of "I've got nothing to hide. Remember that I was sent out to get a character record, not a criminal record. "It says here that Brandt lived at o

time in great style with an actress at the old Fifth Avenue Hotel. Did you go to the hotel to find it out? No. sir."

Admits Ignorance of Reports.

And so the grilling of Woolridge con tinued, Mr. Whitman going through the eport bit by bit, asking Woolridge if he knew if the various statements contained in it were true, and invariably getting ; 'No, sir," in reply.

The fusillade of questions of the County Prosecutor and the embarrassed replies of the witness provoked the spectators to missioner Hand to use his gavel frequently.

Mr. Klernan started to examine his client, when Mr. Whitman objected, sayhe obtained the matter incorporated in the

Mr. Nicoll next examined Woolridge. "Is the report a true one?" he asked. "It was, to the best of my knowledge, replied the witness.

But Mr. Whitman interposed to say that Woolridge stated that they were only "We are entitled to know of what aid true to the best of his belief. And he cited several glaring misstatements, among them that Brandt had been dis-

Woolridge was excused and a recess

Asks a Day's Postponement At the afternoon session Mr. Nicoll r. peated his request for an adjournment, that he might call Mr. and Mrs. Schiff and Mr. Gans, and requested a day's postponement ness stand, adding:

"I have not heard the suggestion that any woman's name was involved in this case, said Mr. Carmody, "except from the coun-

sel who represent her." "There is slander," said Mr. Nicoll. "Where?" demanded Mr. Carmody. "It must be in the appeal for elemency

by the boy." "I'm familiar with the appeal, and it is said Mr. Carmody, emphatically, "Mr. schiff was before the grand jury five years ago, and he did not say then that his family was involved," volunteered Mr. Towns. "Nor did he appear before Judge Rosalsky and say so; nor did he kick Brandt down the stairs when he found him in his home. He has had his day, in and out of court. If he wants to air scandal Gardner Investigation Continues he may sue all the newspapers for libel. I shall oppose this inquiry into extraneous

Mr. Nicoll at this point said, in reply to Mr. Hand, that he purposed to call Mr. and drs. Schiff and Mr. Gans.

"Pending the action of the grand jury against persons here," said Mr. Whitman, umping- to his feet, "I feel that there is great danger that if some of them are called and sworn immunity may be granted them, even though they waive the right." Commissioner Hand wanted to know what acts the grand jury considered in its nquisition. Mr. Whitman refused to say beyond that it was proceeding under Sec-

tions 580 and 584, relating to conspiracy. Mr. Nicoll said he would submit briefs on the subject, and the day's session was

JERSEY SENATOR ACCUSED

killed for a consideration and I told him didn't know whether it could or not. I teld him that I would do with the bill what the introducer wanted me to do, He told me his company was willing to pay \$5,000 to have the bill withdrawn, and I told him I would tell that to the

backer of the bill." "Don't you think it would have been better if you had knocked some one down," interrupted Senator Edge.

"Perhaps it would have, but the innoent man gets hurt," said Fitzherbert. Fitzherbert Makes Admissions.

"Would the man who asked you to inroduce the bill take money to have the bill withdrawn?" asked Senator Edge. "I saw the man and he said he would

take the \$5,000." "You took that message to him?" asked "Yes, and I told these two men here in

the Trenton House that he would ac cept. "You told them that?" asked Mr. Edge

"Do you consider that a fitting thing

for a Senator of New Jersey to do?" asked Senator Read "I was indiscreet, I guess," sald Senator Fitzherbert. "I've got nothing to

hide. I merely did what the man back of the bill asked me to do." At this point Mr. Edge said that it was as far as the committee could go that day, and asked the witnesses to have affidavits prepared setting forth

their accusation. After the session this afternoon Senators Edge and Read had a conference with the Attorney General on the procedure in Senator Fitzher ert's case, and will receive an opinion from him tomorrow. Both the Republican and Democratic Senators were downcast over reached that conclusion after an exhaustive the Fitzherbert affair because of the fact that charges of so serious a kind had been made against one of their number. It was intimated, however, that unless dition as far as his mental state is con- Southwestern Missouri to-day, and con-

the Morris County Senator resigned he would be impeached. Senator Fitzherbert is a lawyer at Dover who was elected on the Wilson sweep of last year. He is now in his second year, and has been classed as a supporter of Governor Wilson,

KILLS WOMAN. SHOOTS SELF Broker Slays Wife of Man Who Is Suing Him for \$50,000.

Henjamin Fried, a real estate broker, with offices at No. 149 Broadway, shot and killed Mrs. Rose Silverman and seriously wounded himself in the Silverman apartment, on the top floor of the Gainsborough, at Fifth avenue and 120th street, yesterday He told the police that he shot Mrs. Silerman and himself because Silverman had ust made him the defendant in a \$50,000 uit for the alienation of his wife's affecions, and that he wished to spare her and imself the scandal that would be caused by the trial. Mrs. Silverman's husband is

Meyer Silverman, who has a hardware store at No. 670 Third avenue. Fried went to the Silverman apartment in the morning. He was met at the door by Anna Rasche, a maid, who told him that her mistress did not wish to see him. He forced his way into the apartment, and when the maid went upstairs to hang some clothes on the roof she heard the two talk-

ing excitedly. A few moments later she was startled by five shots. Running downstairs, she found Mrs. Silverman lying on the floor of the dining room with blood flowing from wounds in her temple and her abdomen, Fried was at the telephone calling excitedly for the police. He had wounded himself in the breast and the abdomen. Mrs. Silverman's two-year-old boy was in the room,

crying hysterically. Patrolman Schackle, attracted by the gen eral tumult, entered the apartment. He took the revolver from Fried and called an ambulance, which took the man and woman to the Harlem Hospital. Mrs. Silverman died in the operating room of the hospital a few minutes after her arrival. Fried beunconscious, but the doctors said he had a chance of recovery.

Silverman said he knew Fried, but would ot discuss the case, except to denounce his wife's slayer in bitter terms.

TELLS OF WHEELER LOSSES Father on Stand in His Son's Divorce Suit. Albert Gallatin Wheeler told in the Su-

reme Court yesterday how he spent \$700,000 in an effort to start his son, Albert Gallatin Wheeler, jr., on the road to affluence and how it was all lost. Mr. Wheeler, who designed and constructed the Chicago subway, was a witness in the separation suit which Mrs. Claudia Wheeler, formerly a comic opera prima donna, has brought against the sounger Wheeler, in which she makes the point that she cannot get along on the \$6,000 a year allmony which the court has awarded her. She says she must have at least \$10,000. Mr. Wheeler, sr., said that he gave his

son bonds of the Illinois Tunnel Company, which were part of the son's contribution to the Stock Exchange firm of J. B. Russell and Co., of which he was a member. Later he put up another \$200,000 in cash.

Brandt. The Governor, having his attention drawn to the case, acted on his own accord." Mr. Nicoli then called beau the District. TWO ALIENISTS REPORT

Brooklyn Recluse, Under Agreement of Counsel.

MORE ARRESTS EXPECTED

and May Reach Grand Jury Before Magistrate Holds Examination.

Samuel E. Haslett, the aged and infirm re duse of Brooklyn, who has been the storn centre in the controversy raised between growing out of the charge of conspiracy to defraud the old man out of his large estate brought against Frank J. Gardner, former State Senator, was declared yesterday by alienists to be mentally incompetent to care for himself or his property.

ounsel, John E. Lord, and S. Stanwood Menken, of the firm of Philbin, Beckman, Menken & Griscom, of No. 52 street, it was agreed to accept the alienists verdict as final in so far as it would affect the petition pending before Judge Fawcett of the Kings County Court, for the appoint ment of a committee for the old man's person and property, made in behalf of the relatives through the Philbin firm. This latest move in the case is expected

After a conference between Haslett's

to clarify the legal tangle which has arisen over the old man's condition and affairs and pave the way for the appoint objection when the matter comes before Judge Fawcett on Friday. There will be no need of the appointment of a commis sion to examine into Haslett's sanity. which was also sought in the petition.

The powers of attorney recently obtained from Haslett by both Lord and Gardner and the two wills which the old man is alleged to have executed for Gardner will be legally invalidated in the light of the alienists' report, it was said.

More Arrests Are Expected.

The move, however, does not affect Heavy Snowstorm Ragingany future criminal proceedings against was arrested with him on the conspiracy charge. The District Attorney's office in Brooklyn started an exhaustive examinaion of the case yesterday with the view of presenting the matter to the grand If is expected that other persons besides Gardner and the nurse who have been interested in the old man's affairs will be apprehended as a result of the Disrict Attorney's investigation.

Dr. William Morris Butler, of No. 307 linton avenue, Brooklyn, and Dr. John Wilson, of No. 616 Madison avenue, Manhattan, were the two alienists who examined Haslett. They were called into the case by Dr. Henry B. Minton, the Brookold man, and Mr. Lord. They examined him for several hours yesterday and the day before at the hig dust-ridden mansion at No. 138 Remsen street, where the old years, until his condition was brought to light by the Gardner episode. In regard to their report to Dr. Minton last night Dr. Butler said:

"Mr. Haslett is undoubtedly suffering from senile dementia and is entirely incompetent to care for himself or manage his business affairs. Dr. Wilson and myself examination of the old man lasting several hours, both to-day and yesterday. He ex-

of the brain forces Dr. Butler said that the mental condi-

The doctor said that he forgot yesterday that he had signed a revocation of the snew. request of Mr. Lord, though it was signed the day before in the presence of both allenists, and the old man declared that he

Thinks Johnson Is President. Among the questions asked him by the was still in the White House.

Prior to the conference of lawyers and the decision of the allenists yesterday, Mr. Lord declared that he would probably vigorougly oppose the appointment of a committee for the old man. He and Dr. Minton both said that Haslett's condition had greatly improved in the last day or two and that earlier reports from the alienists indicated that he was perfectly sane.

Mr. Lord corrected some statements which had been credited to him in the papers in regard to the old recluse and his that Haslett's estate would probably not amount to more than \$200,000, but declared that he was merely speaking of his personal property at that time. The total estate, he said, would probably be in excess of \$500,000. Others have estimated it as

Mr. Lord said that the old man had been at him for several weeks recently to draw will, but that he had kept putting it off. not thinking as would be taken sick. He drew a will for him eight years ago, he said, but a subsequent will was drawn by Henry W. Beebe, a Brooklyn lawyer, about a year after that, which now is probably the only will in good standing.

Mr. Beebe would not discuss the will be drew yesterday. Mr. Lord said that he had not realized the present condition of Mr. Haslett until February 8, when he hapnened to go to the house on routine legal natters, and had called in Dr. Minton and the nurse Decker at that time. He said the old man had never been sick before in his life, and had not spent \$25 on doctors' tills in the last fifteen years, since he had been his attorne

Haslett Would Sign Anything. He admitted that Haslett would sign

anything he asked him to, but that had been his custom for several years, he said, in regard to certain legal matters which he had attended to for him. Asked how the aged recluse felt about

the sensation his case had caused, Mr. Lord said that the old man read the papers for the first time yesterday, and was greatly amused over the reference some of them made to him as "the hermit." "So I am the hermit, am 1?" he asked. "Well, that is a good one. Marcus B, Campbell, a lawyer, who was designated by Judge Fawcett to accept ser-

vice for Haslett and look after his inter-

ests pending the hearing on the petition.

informed the old man last night of the pro ceedings to come before the court on Fri-day. He was accompanied to the house by Then several months ago a debt of \$1.- Mr. Menken and Robert P. Videau, an old 000,000 which the Russell firm owed J. friend of the Haslett family. These men Kennedy Tod & Co. came due, and the had been in conference with Mr. Lord and elder Wheeler signed a release of all he some of the Hasiett relatives at Mr. Lord's had put up as capital in the Russell con- office a short time before. The allenists cern. Mr. Wheeler said that he had been were at the house when they arrived, and maintaining his son since the Russell the structure, with its dust covered windows and closed blinds, was brillfantly Wheeler, jr., the defendant has testified lighted, for the first time, it was said, in that he has no assets. Justice Newburger many years. At times during the day a

curious crowd gathered in front of the

No one was admitted except the physicians and lawyers.

John M. Perry, acting District Attorney n the absence of Mr. Cropsey, was busy vesterday obtaining affidavits and collectng evidence in the Halsett case. Developments were expected which might make it advisable, it was said, for the facts to be placed before the grand jury prior to the examination of Gardner and Decker be-Committee Will Care for Wealthy fore Chief Magistrate Kempner next Mon-

Prescription Harmless, Kempner Says. A private hearing was conducted before Magistrate Kempner at his office, in the Temple Bar Building, at which a statement was obtained from Dr. J. T. Deyo the physician who prescribed strychnine tablets for Haslett after he was placed in harge of the patient by Gardner. edicine was turned over to the District Attorney by Dr. Minton yesterday, and was found to be harmless in the doses prescribed, and was not considered an ur usual remedy to give in such a case. harge would be made against Dr. Deyo,

Magistrate Kempner said. The District Attorney has in his posse on the power of attorney which Haslett signed for Gardner. The authorities have not been able to find the two wills draw by Gardner and alleged to be signed by the ld man. It is supposed they are in Gardner's possession. The District Attorney's office will continue the investigation to-day. District Attorney Whitman was asked to look up Decker's record, to find if the

was anything against him in the criminal

files in 'this county. Decker is still in

Raymond street jail in default of bail. He denied yesterday any criminal connec tion with the case of Mrs. Lillian Dalton, who died in the fall of 1909 from the effects of what was said to be a criminal opera tion. Decker and his wife. Rose, were ar ested in the case. They were discharged the next day by Coroner Acritelli. Decker said he would prove his innocence in the Haslett case when he got his day in court Deputy Sheriff Winters has received an xecution against Frank J. Gardner, whose address was given as No. 75 East 81st treet, Manhattan, for \$587 in favor of

Fanny B. Olsen. The judgment was obtained in Brooklyn on February 24, 1911, and it is said that it was on a note. D. J. Meserole is the at

When the Sheriff went to No. 75 East 91st street, which is an apartment house he was informed that Mr. Gardner had no been there since Saturday and that the apartment had been closed since then, and

BLIZZARD IN SOUTHWEST

Trains Held Up. Dallas, Tex., Feb, 20.-Trains were stalled Northwest Texas to-day by one of the eaviest snowstorms in years. Drifts six eet deep were reported in the Panhandle At Amarillo, Tex., streetcars stopped and business was almost at

Delhart, Tex., Feb. 29.-One of the work dizzards for years, following two weeks of summer weather, closed the public schools to-day and sent the temperature t 12 degrees below freezing. The storm reported to extend well into Kansas. Denver, Feb. 20.-With snow from or

the entire state, the movement of trains especially on lines that traverse the moun tain district, has been severely hampered Every train that has reached Denver from the West since 3 o'clock last night has been from one to five hours late. Snow began falling yesterday forenoon over practically the entire state and continued this morning. Oklahoma City, Okla., Feb. 29 .- A seventy-mile gale is raging all over Oklahoms.

It is the fiercest bliggard in many years

Kausas City, Mo., Feb. 20.-Carried on a hibits a total lapse of memory from one forty-mile wind, a heavy enowstorm swept day to the other, and is in a hopeless con- Southern Kansas, Eastern Oklahoma and cerned. It means a gradual deterioration tinues unabated to-night. In Eastern Kansas and Western Missouri the local weather bureau promises snow before morning. In tion of the old recluse was such as might the western and central sections of Kandeceive a layman who talked with him, sas the snew is drifting fast and already He said that he might sign papers one is impeding railroad traffic. Southeastern day, and apparently understand what he Kansas-Pittsburg, Galena and Cherokeewas doing, and forget all about it the next reported eight inches of snow, and other oints four to six inches. Chickasaw, Lawton and other Oklahoma towns report heavy

WOULD AMEND THE CHARTER understood exactly what the instrument Prendergast Gives Views on the Court-

house Legislation. Writing to Mr. McGoldrick, Assistan Corporation Counsel, yesterday in regard allenists was, "Who is the President of the to a bill now before the Legislature pro-United States?" The old man replied that viding that the cost of the new courthouse Andrew Johnson, who succeeded Lincoln, for New York County be a charge on this county alone, Controller Prendergast said

yesterday:

"It would seem to me that instead of passing a separate till dealing with the subject, as proposed in the legislation I injured. The collision was due to a heavy have referred to, it would be prefemble to fog obscuring the danger signals. pass an amendment to the charter, if one be necessary to cover the subject, which would provide generally that the expense of each of the countles for purely county purposes, including the erection of county buildings, the amortization charges for the purposes of paying corporate stock, in- panies operating transatlantic steamshi property. He admitted that he had said terest on the corporate stock issued for wise, should in every case be forme by the ounty incurring the expense.

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ANOTHER WRECK ON P. R. R

Third in a Few Days-Flyer inch to several feet covering practically Crashes Into Freight Cars. Harrisburg, Penn., Feb. 20 .- The Pennsyl vania Special, eastbound, the eighteen-hou flyer between Chicago and New York of the Pennsylvania Railroad, ran into draft of freight cars that had been shifted to the passenger tracks, through an error

> miles from here, to-day, The engine of the special and the shifting engine handling the freight cars were de polished and two firemen were seriously injured. None of the passengers was hard although many received a severe shoking up, due to the sudden application of brakes. The first car of the special, a combined

baggage and smoker, was considerably has

a short distance west of Middletown, nine

shock which would have smashed a wooder car. The jar threw passengers out of their berths, and two of the erew in the diner who were preparing breakfast, were cut and bruised. The accident was due to a brakeman of the shifting crew throwing a wrong switch allowing the shifting engine to run on to the passenger tracks. When the engineer f the shifter saw the express bearing down on him he reversed his lever, an

was running backward when the colliste occurred. The engineer of the express sale

he was running sixty miles an hour, and

that the action of the engineer of the

shifter in reversing his lever and sticking c his post probably averted a worse acci-On Thursday, February 15, the Pennsylvania Chicago limited, cast bound, was wrecked at Warrior's Run, Penn., the cars being thrown from the track. Four persons were killed and sixty-five injured On Saturday the Pennsylvania Chicago Ind. Five workmen were killed and eleven

MORE CANADIAN SHIP SUBSIDIES. LBy Telegraph to The Tribune. Ottawa, Feb. 20 .- It is understood that the government is contemplating an in crease of the subsidies paid to the comservices. The increase will insure the place county purposes, or for salaries or other- ing of six new ships on the Halifax-Liver pool route, making the distance in four and

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